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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/017,203	Applicant(s) HSU ET AL.	
	Examiner Gregory E. Webb	Art Unit 1751	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The following action is in response to the applicant's amendments and arguments filed 12/10/03.
2. The applicant's amendments have overcome previous 112 rejections. The applicant's removal of any reference to the "water soluble body" corrects previous antecedent basis problems.
3. The applicant's removal of the term "colored organic electrolyte" with the term "transitional metal cation" further clarifies the applicant's claims.
4. Based on these amendments the following art rejections have been withdrawn:
5. Previous rejections over Ginn (US 4,348,292) are withdrawn as this reference fails to teach or suggest the inclusion of a transitional metal cation.
6. Previous rejections over Gipp (US 4,530,781) are withdrawn as this reference fails to teach or suggest the inclusion of a transitional metal cation.
7. Previous rejections over Weimer (US 3,718,609) are withdrawn as this reference fails to teach or suggest the inclusion of a transitional metal cation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
9. Claims 1-15 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fuller et al (US 6,180,587).

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10. Concerning the newly added features, namely the transition metal cation, Fuller teaches the following:

"Additionally, it has been observed that certain metallic salts also bring about preferential thickening of the polymer phase as opposed to the surfactant phase. These salts are the water soluble metallic salts having a cation with an oxidation number of at least plus two. Examples of such salts include magnesium, calcium, barium, manganese, iron, aluminum and the like. Various anions include chloride, nitrate, sulfates and the like of these metallic salts. Magnesium chloride is preferred."

11. Claims 1-8, and 11-15 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams et al (US 6,429,177).

12. Concerning the newly added features, Williams teaches the following:

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (99):

The compositions may comprise perfumes, sequestering agents such as EDTA EHDP in amounts 0.01 to 1%, preferably 0.01 to 0.05%; coloring agents, opacifiers and pearlizers such as zinc stearate, magnesium stearate, TiO₂, EGMS (ethylene glycol monostearate) or styrene/acrylate copolymers.

13. Noting that in an aqueous solution salts such as zinc stearate would naturally disassociate and form zinc cations as required by the instant claims.

Conclusion

14. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory E. Webb whose telephone number is 571-272-1325. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-17:30 (m-f).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gregory E. Webb', written in a cursive style.

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Primary Examiner
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